

Fire Department Position Statement

To be completed for variances requested from Comm 50-64, Comm 69, Comm 10, and other fire related requirements.

I have read the application for variance and recommend: (check appropriate box)

☐ Approval ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Denial ☐ No Comment

Explanation for recommendation including any conflicts with local rules and regulations and suggested conditions:

Fire Department Name and Address

Name of Fire Chief or Designee (type or print)	Telephone Number
Signature of Fire Chief or Designee	Date Signed

MUNICIPAL BUILDING INSPECTION RECOMMENDATION

To be completed for variances requested from Comm 20-23. Also to be used if Comm 50-64 plan review is by municipality or orders are written on the building under construction; optional in other cases.

Please submit a copy of the orders

I have read the application for variance and recommend: (check appropriate box)

☐ Approval ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Denial ☐ No Comment

Explanation for recommendation including any conflicts with local rules and regulations and suggested conditions:

Municipality Exercising Jurisdiction

Name and Address of Municipal Official (type or print)	Telephone Number of Enforcement Official
Signature of Municipal Enforcement Official	Date Signed

PETITION FOR VARIANCE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS Comm 3

In instances where exact compliance with a particular code requirement cannot be met or alternative designs are desired, the Division has a petition for variance program where it reviews and considers acceptance of alternatives which are not in strict conformance with the letter of the code, but which meet the intent of the code. **A variance is not a waiver from a code requirement.** The petitioner must **provide an equivalency which meets the intent** of the code section petitioned to obtain a variance. Documentation of the rationale for the equivalency is requested below. Failure to provide adequate information may delay your petition. Pictures, sketches, and plans may be submitted to support equivalency. If the proposed equivalency does not adequately safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of building occupants, frequenters, firefighters, etc., the variance request will be denied. NOTE: A SEPARATE PETITION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH BUILDING AND EACH CODE ISSUE PETITIONED (i.e., 57.13 window issue cannot be processed on the same petition as 51.16 stair issue). It should be noted that **a petition for variance does not take the place of any required plan review submittal.**

The Division is unable to process petitions for variance that are not properly completed. Before submitting the application, the following items should be checked for completeness in order to avoid delays:

- Petitioner's name (typed or printed)
- Petitioner's signature
- The Petition for Variance Application must be signed by the owner of the building or system unless a Power of Attorney is submitted.
- Notary Public signature with affixed seal
- Analysis to establish equivalency, including any pictures, illustrations or sketches of the existing and proposed conditions to clearly convey your proposal to the reviewer.
- Proper fee
- Any required position statements by fire chief or municipal official
- **For petitions and plan review to use the International Building, Mechanical, Energy Efficiency, or Fuel codes prior to July 1, 2002, submit 12 sets of plans and completed design summary worksheets** The design summary worksheets are available on our web site or by calling.

A position statement from the chief of the local fire department is required for fire safety issues. **No position statement is required for nonfire safety topics such as sanitary, plumbing or POWTS systems and energy conservation.** Position statements for both the fire department and municipality are required for Comm 69 barrier-free petitions. For rules relating to one- and two-family dwellings, only a position statement from the local enforcing municipality is required. Position statements must be completed and signed by the appropriate fire chief or municipal enforcement official. See the back of SBD-9890, Petition for Variance Application form for these position statement forms. Signatures or seals on all documents must be originals. Photocopies are not acceptable.

Contact numbers and fees for the Division's review of the petition for variance are as follows:

Chapter	(circle appropriate category)	Revenue Code	Review Office	Contact Number	Fee	Revision Fee
COMM 5, License, Certification, Registration.....			Madison	(608) 261-8500.....	\$200.....	\$100
Comm 10, Flammable liquids			Madison	(608) 266-7529.....	\$250.....	\$100
Comm 11-13, LPG, LNG, CNG tanks	8258		Waukesha.....	(414) 548-8617	\$250.....	\$100
Comm 16, Electrical	7631		Madison	(608) 266-7529.....	\$250.....	\$100
Comm 18, Elevators.....	8260		Waukesha.....	(414) 521-5444	\$250.....	\$100
Comm, 20-25 Uniform Dwelling Code	7655		Madison	(608) 267-5113.....	\$125.....	\$50
Comm 34, Amusement Rides.....	8266		Madison	(608) 267-4434.....	\$250.....	\$100
Comm, 41-42 Boilers and Pressure Vessels	8258		Waukesha.....	(414) 548-8617	\$250.....	\$100
Comm 50-64, Commercial Building Code	7648		All Offices	See Numbers Below.....	\$500.....	\$100
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Comm 66, Uniform Multi-Family Dwellings	7648		All Offices	See Numbers Below.....	\$500.....	\$100
Comm 67-68, Rental Unit Energy Efficiency Code	7646		Madison	(608) 267-2240.....	\$125.....	\$50
Comm 69, Barrier-Free Requirements	7648		All Offices	See Numbers Below.....	\$250.....	\$100
Comm 70, Historic Building Code	7648		All Offices	See Numbers Below.....	\$300.....	\$100
Comm 80-82, General Plumbing	7657		All Offices	See Numbers Below.....	\$225.....	\$75
Comm 90, Swimming Pools	7650		Madison	(608) 267-3605.....	\$250.....	\$75
Comm 83 POWTS.....	7657		All Offices	See Numbers Below.....	\$225.....	\$75
All Other Chapters					\$250.....	\$100

Revisions are accepted only for 1 year after action on original petition.

Priority Review: The Department will schedule Petitions for Variance at the earliest available date, or the date requested at time of scheduling, which ever is later. Therefore, Priority Reviews are not generally available. In special circumstances, the Section Chief of the reviewing office may permit review prior to the scheduled date upon request by the submitter. If earlier review is permitted by the Section Chief, the Petition review fees will be doubled.

Except for special cases, the Division will review and make a determination on a petition for variance within 3 business days of the scheduled beginning date, provided all calculations, documents, and fees required for the review have been received.

Appointment and Scheduling Information

It is strongly recommended that an appointment be made in advance. **For your convenience we have installed a 24 hour, toll free number dedicated to receiving fax plan review appointment request only. The number is 877-840-9172. Be sure to indicate whether you want the next available review statewide or prefer a choice of an office.** The petition review will be scheduled with the same office where the plan was/will be reviewed. You will receive a FAX back with an Appointment Date, Transaction ID No. and Assigned Reviewer. You may also email the request to planschedule@commerce.state.wi.us. If you wish to schedule a review appointment by phone, you may call any of the full service offices. At the time of making an appointment, you may request review for a specific office of desired (beginning) date for review. Plans must be received in the office of the appointment no later than 2 working days before the confirmed appointment. Non-scheduled submittals or submittals received without a confirmed appointment date and transaction number on the form may be assigned to offices other than the receiving office depending on reviewer availability. To obtain a submittal checklist call the material order unit at 608-266-1818 or one of the full service offices listed below ..

Certain petitions may be limited to certain offices depending on the petition issues, see above table for appropriate office.

Madison S&BD 201 W Washington Ave 53703 PO Box 7162 Madison WI 53707-7162 608-266-3151 Fax: 608-267-9566 TDD 608-264-8777 Email: madisonsch@commerce.state.wi.us	Hayward S&BD 10541N Ranch Rd Hayward WI 54843 715-634-4870 Fax: 715-634-5150 Email: haywardsch@commerce.state.wi.us	LaCrosse S&BD. 4003 N Kinney Coulee Rd LaCrosse WI 54601-1831 608-785-9334 Fax: 608-785-9330 Email: lacrossesch@commerce.state.wi.us	Shawano S&BD 1340 E Green Bay Shawano WI 54166 715-524-3626 Fax: 715-524-3633 Email: shawanosch@commerce.state.wi.us	Green Bay S&BD 2331 San Luis Place Green Bay, WI 54304 920-492-5601 FAX: 920-492-5604 Email: greenbaysch@commerce.state.wi.us	Waukesha S&BD 141 NW Barstow S Waukesha WI 53188 262-548-8600 Fax: 262-548-8614 Email: waukeshasch@commerce.state.wi.us
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